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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/608,573	Applicant(s) KANG, HEE BOK	
	Examiner TRONG PHAN	Art Unit 2818	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
**Period for Reply**

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.  
     4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>0404</u> | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Drawings*

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description: **B/L, W/L and P/L in Fig. 2 Prior Art; CEB, SEN, ACTIVE and PRECHARGE in Fig. 3a Prior Art; CEB, SEN, DOUT, ACTIVE and PRECHARGE in Fig. 3b Prior Art; CEB, /WE, SBSW1, SBPD, MBLC, MBPUC and CSN in Fig. 10; CEB, /WE, DOUT, SBSW1, SBPD, MBLC and CSN in Fig. 11; 210 and 310 in Figs. 12-13; 150 and WL0 in Fig. 14; DEC10, DEC20, SBL and VCC+VPP-Vtn in Fig. 15; 160 and PL0 in Fig. 16; DEC20, DEC10 and VCC+VPP-Vtn in Fig. 17; EN0 in Fig. 18; n+ and P SUBSTRATE in Fig. 21; CEBEN and ATD in Fig. 24.** A proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The word "Fi." (line 5, page 32) should be changed to ---Fig.---; the word "Inv41" (line 11, page 36) should be changed to ---INVE41---.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 21-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukumoto, 6,370,058.

Fukumoto, 6,370,058, discloses in Fig. 10 a nonvolatile ferroelectrics memory device comprising:

memory cell array 5;

row address latch circuit 3;

address transition detector circuit ATD 4;

As shown in Fig. 12, address buffer circuit 35.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The nonvolatile ferroelectrics memory device as recited in claims 1-20 has not been found in the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### ***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

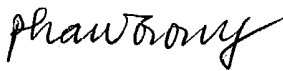
Takeuchi, 6,590,829, Choi et al., 6,504,748, Jeon, 6,385,078, Mizugaki et al.,

6,525,989, and Kang, 6,661,698.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRONG PHAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-1794. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571)272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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**TRONG PHAN**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**